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## **Open Space Committee Minutes 03/01/2006**

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**Wednesday, March 1, 2006**  
**Amended and Approved April 5, 2006**

Present: Ann LeRoy, Chair; Joey Glushko, Planning Department; Leslie Mayer, Parks & Recreation Commission; Elizabeth Karpati, Vision 2020 & Sustainable Arlington; Patsy Kraemer, Human Services; David White, Conservation Commission; Teresa DeBenedictis, Department of Public Works.

1. Minutes: Minutes from the February 1, 2006 meeting were approved. Motion to approve made by P. Kraemer, seconded by Teresa DeBenedictis. Unanimous Vote.
2. Joey Glushko will do the April minutes and Teresa DeBenedictis will do the May ones.
3. Patsy announced to the group that she had completed the revision to the Town Hall Gardens and Old Burying Grounds management plans. She delivered them to Adam's house and will email them to Leslie. Leslie reported that she has the hard copy reports of all the management plans, save the ones just mentioned.
4. Leslie distributed two sample copies of edited management plans for the committee's perusal. The committee discussed the "Task List" and agreed not to use it. The committee also discussed inclusion in the appendices of invasives lists and maps.

Ann will work on a generic introduction for the management plans. John Sanchez and Jimmy Dodge will come to the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will give them copies of the management plans that are completed by that time.

5. Ann outlined the CDBG proposal being submitted by the Open Space Committee. The committee discussed the purpose for the grant money and also the best ways for obtaining community input vis a vis open space concerns, e.g. focus groups, surveys, etc. We will need help with the final stages of rewriting and editing and compilation of the new Open Space Five-Year Plan.

The group reviewed the priorities written in the last plan. It was apparent in the review that much progress on the current plan's priorities had indeed been made. We will need to develop new priorities for the next plan.

A web-based questionnaire was suggested as a way to develop new priorities. Another suggestion given was "piggybacking" with the Vision 2020 annual survey. Focus groups was also given as a very good approach to gain community input.

Ann asked members to review the current plan and determine areas of expertise and knowledge that each person has in relation to the plan. The plan is on the Town's website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.